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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0096] with the following amended paragraph:

[0096] With reference to Figures 2a, 2b, and 6a-6c, shaft portion 145 of bushing 138 has an end portion 145d with inwardly extending cantilever or tab portions 145e. Tab portions 145e are provided to help guide the end portion 144a of transverse rod 144 into proper alignment with shaft portion 145 of bushing 138, so rod end 144a can engage inner cavity 139 of shaft 137 of member 136. Tab portions 145e can also be configured such that when end 144a passes axially into cavity 151, it cannot be withdrawn in the opposite direction. This can be accomplished in several ways such as with a mechanism similar to a lock-washer. The tabs 145e can be resilient and angled inwardly towards the inner cavity 151. Thus rod end 144a can deflect the tabs when it moves into cavity 151; but reverse axial movement is prevented or inhibited by the angular positioning of the deflected tabs 145e. Additionally, a square cavity 135b is provided which has cross tool slots 135a at its base, which are provided in cap 135 to enable the connector 134 to be turned and tightened with an appropriate tool onto the end 144a of rod member 144.